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SUBJECT: HAITIAN CANDIDATE FOR IACW VICE-PRESIDENCY

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED NOTE FROM HAITIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED JUNE 20 REQUESTING USG SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF MISS MARIE CARMEL LAFONTANT FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMAN (IACW) FROM 1978 TO 1980 IN THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE COMMISSION'S NINETEENTH ASSEMBLY IN BOLIVIA NEXT SEPTEMBER. NOTE ATTACHES MISS LAFONTANT'S CURRICULUM VIATAE, BUT SHE IS ALREADY WELL-KNOWN TO MANY U.S. COLLEAGUES THROUGH LONG PARTICIPATION IN IACW AND OTHER CONFERENCES IN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA. SHE WAS RECENTLY AN IV PARTICIPANT IN HOWARD UNIVERSITY'S COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (P-AA-P 504) AND THIS MONTH WILL BE ATTENDING AN AID SPONSORED SEMINAR ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IN COSTA RICA. MISS LAFONTANT IS ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NEWLY FORMED HAITI/NEW JERSEY PARTNERS OF AMERICA PROGRAM. SHE SPEAKS SPANISH AND ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

2. EMBASSY HOPES WE CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO NOTIFY GOH OF U.S. SUPPORT OF MISS LAFONTANT'S CANDIDACY. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS HAITI'S TURN FOR A SENIOR POSITION IN THE IACW. HAITIANS HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF MRS. VOTAW'S CANDIDACY FOR IACW PRESIDENCY (PAP 2151) AND EXPECT US TO DO LIKEWISE FOR MISS LAFONTANT.

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